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SUBJECT: LAGOS PORT STRIKE ENDS

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SUMMARY: LAGOS PORT IS BACK AT WORK BUT INTERNECINE UNION STRUGGLE REMAINS UNRESOLVED. END SUMMARY

1. LAGOS PRESS MAY 24 HEADLINES END OF PORT STRIKE AND RESUMPTION OF NORMAL ACTIVITY ON LAGOS AND APAPA DOCKS. ACCORDING NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, RETURN OF STRIKERS TO WORK FOLLOWED MAY 23 MEETING BETWEEN UNION DELEGATION AND PORTS AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT, AT WHICH LATTER PROMISED INTERCEDE WITH LABOR MINISTRY FOR RECOGNITION OF ODULANA FACTION (CURRENTLY EXCLUDED FROM AMALGAMATED UNION). PORT MANAGER ALSO REPORTEDLY PROMISED DO HIS BEST TO ENSURE THAT NO STRIKERS WOULD BE PENALIZED FOR ACTION THEY HAD TAKEN.

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2. CLEARING AGENTS CONFIRM THAT PORT OPERATIONS AT APAPA

ARE BACK TO NORMAL, AND THAT NO FURTHER STOPPAGE APPEARS
IN OFFING.

3. COMMENT: FROM INITIAL REPORTS, ODULANA APPEARS TO
HAVE WON AT LEAST PARTIAL VICTORY BY GAINING RECOGNITION
AS MAN WHO FINALLY BROUGHT STRIKE TO END. IT REMAINS
HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THAT LABOR MINISTRY WILL BE SYMPATHETIC
TO PROMISED INTERCESSION BY PORTS AUTHORITY ON HIS BEHALF,
AS FMG HAS THUS FAR FIRMLY RESISTED HIS CLAIMS TO
REPRESENT ANY SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT OF DOCKWORKERS. FURTHER
SHOWDOWN REMAINS POSSIBLE IF ODULANA'S CLAIMS ARE ULTIMATELY
REJECTED, BUT MOMENT OF DECISION HAS AT VERY LEAST BEEN
POSTPONED FOR SOME TIME. IN CONSEQUENCE, SHIPMENTS OF
DROUGHT RELIEF SUPPLIES WILL HOPEFULLY CONTINUE TO FLOW
THROUGH LAGOS/APAPA WITHOUT HINDRANCE FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
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